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**ABSTRACT** 

The present invention is directed to the use of compounds of the formula:

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$$R - NH - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} R_2 \\ C - CNH - \right\}_n C - R_1 \\ 0 R_3 O \end{array}$$

for treating pain, in particular neuropathic pain, bipolar disease and migraine headaches.